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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 7, 2003, in which the Examiner imposed a Species Election Requirement, please consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified patent application. Also submitted concurrently herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for one month, extending the date due for this response to and including June 7, 2003, along with the accompanying fee.